Soldiers' Budget.

Sacred Arlington.

Arlington holds within her emerald bosom 16,000 heroic warriors. Like an Egyptian queen in mournful

majesty, gazing on the eternal waters of the Nile, Arlington rears her ro-mantic head to the sky and bathes her feet in the murmuring waters of the Potomac.

The gnarled oak, the cedar and sighing pine echo back the cry of the raven and the song of the wild bird, and through the morning sunlight and evening twilight the various voices of nature chant a requiem over the mouldering remains of our loval dead. The sacred spot is dedicated to beroism. Its green sward shall be the mausoleum of patriotic hearts, its dome the bending heavens, and its altar candles the watching stars of God.

As the years glide away and coming centuries usher into life millions of human beings, Arlington shall be a Mecca for the unalterable principles of truth, and around its undulating vales and green hillocks the spirit of love and lovalty shall kneel at the vespers of nationality and swing perfumed censors at the holy shrine of prayer and patriotism.

Monuments in marble, granite and bronze lift their modest or pretentious heads, appealing to the memory of those who wander near the lowly bed where valor sleeps, but when these emblems of love and remembrance have crumbled into impalpable dust the truth for which they died shall shine out like the rising sun and be lasting as eter-

The home of romence, wealth and slavery has become at last the sepulcher of the dead, and the laughing, musical voices of the proud past are but a memory in the columned mansion of General Lee. Sheridan of the army and Porter of the navy sleep their last eleen in front of Arlington mansion, and the Stars and Stripes floating from a tall staff throws its glinting shadow ever the heroes that rest below. Long regimental lines of white headstones fade away into forest vistas, and Sheridan seems to ride again down the vallev of Winchester to turn retreat into victory. Templed unlike the Roman pantheon, its divinities are dedicated to patriotism and its worshipers are Christian people. From its columned porch the eye beholds to the east and north, across the Potomac, the man-sions, temples, steeples, domes and monuments of Washington city and Georgetown, framed in by the rolling hills of Maryland.

The brave hearts that slumber forever at Arlington, as well as those dear comrades at Shilob, Chickamauga, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg, dedicated their lives to liberty and immortalized their devotion by death. Who will care for their loved mounds when we are gone? Who will then strew roses and plant bright flowers in the May time of nature? Other patriotic bands of brave men and fair women will take up the roll of duty, and even when all but liberty has perished from the earth. the robin and the bluebird, the jay and the mocking-bird will warble at sunrise a reveille over the green sod that wrans their sacred clay. Nature herself will deck the graves of her fallen comrades, and the winds of heaven will chant a requiem to their memory and kiss the loved spot where heroes slumber.

Thousands of leved comrades rest in unknown graves far away from the loved ones at home. They also sleep in the land of strangers, where the tears of love cannot moisten the green shroud mantles their ashes. But if no kind hand is there to strew flowers or gittin' powerful forgitful lately." loved eyes to shed the tear of sorrow, there is one who reigns among the eternal stars that daily floods the unknown grave with sunshine and daily waters the budding wild flowers with dews from heaven .- John A. Joyce, in Philadelphia Times.

The Bayonet no Good.

"The most ridiculous weapon known to modern warfare is the bayonet," said Colonel Michael Gallaway, a guest of the Southern. "Civilians seem to suppose that the bayonet plays an important part in all battles—that the tide is invariably turned by this romantic, hump-shouldered frog-sticker. Now, as a matter of fact, you could bury in a ten-acre lot all the men who have been killed with the bayonet during the past century, and the graves would not be crowded either.

"The bayonet is supposed to transform a regiment of musketeers into a Macedonian phalanx for close fighting; but it doesn't. It supplies the place of neither the spear of Greece nor the short sword of Rome. It is a hybrid weapon, fit only to prod camp loiterers with. A regiment will come sweeping up to a breastwork with fixed bayonets, but once inside the men turn the butts of their guns or go for their side arms. They realize that the bayonet is but a dress-parade weapon. In our battles the antagonists seldom come into actual contact. Battles are now fought with bullets instead of bayonets, and the latter, always a clumsy affair of doubtful utility, has become an altogether worthless incumbrance. General Grant recommended that it be abolished in the United States service and the six-shooter substituted for close fightinging. The recommendation was a good While the bayonet is the most worthless of all weapons invented by man, the six-shooter is the most deadly short-range tool ever devised. Give me a club three feet long and I'll whip any man who tries to bayonet me; give me a six-shooter, and I'll make a bad break in any column of bayonets."-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Soldiers Born, Not Made.

Over on Governor's island, just below the city of New York, there is one vet-eran who has done his country some service, writes Foster Coates in his in-teresting department, "Side Talks With Boys," in the Ladies' Home Journal. He is a major general in the army of the United States. He would have one arm more if he had let some one else do the fighting for him when fighting was to be done. He commanded a wing of Sherman's army in the great march people say.

from Atlanta to the sea, and he served in many places, and always well. This man is General Oliver Otis Howard. He is very brief in expressing his opin-ion of military geniuses. "They are like the poets," said the general to me

one day; "you can't make them."
"What are the chances in a military life?" he continued, repeating my ques-tion. "Well, here is one of them," and at this point he lifted the slump of

the arm that had been shot away.
"Still." he said, "I see no reason
why young Americans should be kept
out of the army or navy. This is a great country, and no one knows what the future may bring forth. At present our navy is very largely manned by foreign sailors. I wish it was otherwise, for I believe that we have the best men in the world right here in this country.'

THE report of Inspector General Pratt at Washington showed the total present membership of the Grand Army in good standing to be 409,156, distributed among 7.644 posts. Two thousand and eight posts have relief funds, and the total sum in their treasuries is \$476,505; total expended for relief during the year, \$310,448; total post funds in hands of quartermasters, \$839,-370; total property owned by posts,

Miscellany.

The Under Dog.

I know that the world, the great big world, From the peasant up to the king. Has a different tale from the tale I tell, And a different song to sing.

But for me, and I care not a single fig If they say I'm wrong or right. I shall always go in for the weaker dog-

I know that the world, the great big world To see which dog may be in fault. But will shout for the dog on top

But for me, I shall never pause to ask For my heart will beat, while it beats at all,

For the under dog in the fight. Perchance, what I've said were better not said . Or 'twere better I said it incog; But, with heart and glass filled check to the brim

Here's luck to the under dog!

Grandpa and Babe on the Elevated.

He entered an elevated train at Franklin street, with a white-clad, golden-haired baby girl in his thin old arms, and a smile on his gray-bewhiskered face. Every man in the car was silent behind a newspaper, or gazing gloomily out of a window.

"May I set by you?" he inquired of an over-fed, melaucholy man in black. who was occupying three-qu riers of a double seat in the middle of the car.

The melancholy man moved slightly. "Certainly," he said, and when he saw the baby girl he frowned at first, and then smiled and squeezed himself into one-half the seat.

"Breezy, ain't it?" inquired the old man, and four newspapers vere lowered

into as many leps.
"Yes, it is," replied the melancholy man, with another smile. "Seems to be blowing freshly up the bay."

"Shouldn't wonder if we had rain." ventured the old man so loudly and cheerfully that passengers for ten seats around looked over and smill d, and two or three began to converse tentatively, after the manner of persons who learned to talk very late in life. "Told my darter this mornin' before I left hum that I thought it 'ud rain before night, but she said I'd lose an umbrill' if I fetched one. It does seem's if I'm "Bleeker!"-from the guard.

"Is this your grandchild?" inquired the melancholv man, beaming with all his visible cuticle.

"Yes, this is Susy; all the one we've got. Her father 'n' mother's dead, 'n' she lives 'long o' Almiry 'n' me. mirv's my darter."

"Eighth nex'!"-from the guard. " Make 'em hustle, don't they? Don't give 'em much time to git on or off. Almiry's kind o' near, though she means well, Almiry does—I'll give her credit fer that—'n' she thought all these fixin's wa'n't wuth while. But I says to myself I ain't got any more grandchildren to bring up, ner much longer to bring 'em up in 'f I had; 'n 'f Susy wants 's good clothes 's our minister's little girl she's goin' to hev

'em. Ain't you Susy?"
The child looked up into the serene, homely old face and smiled.

"Is this window too cold for your little girl, sir?" inquired a big coarse boy who sat opposite, pretending to read a grimy paper-covered novel.

"Would you like the window closed?" "No, thank ye. Can't hev too much fresh air for Susy. Why, she lives out-doors, jest like a flower, when she's to hum. What street was that?"

" Eighth." " What's next?"

" Fourteenth." "That's where Racy's dry goods

store is, ain't it?"

"Well, we've got to git out there. Come Susy." Every man in the car was sorry.— Harper's Weekly.

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The complete novel in Lippincott's Magazine, "Pearce Amerson's Wili," is by Colonel Richard Malcolm Johnston, and will be admitted to be one of his finest productions. Major Moses P. Handy tells how he was present at the surrender of the "Virginius," having got ahead of all the other special correspondents. The usual quots of interesting papers fill out the remainder of the magazine.

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Mary E. Wilkins contributes a play,
"Giles Corey, Yeoman," to Harper's Magazine, and has also written four charming
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Ex-Senator Edmunds, who recently came home from a six months' visit to Europe, has one of the few papers that he has written for the magazines in the Forum, on "Politics as a Career." The investigation of the school-room work in the public schools of our principal cities has provoked a volume of comment and correspondence perhaps unequalled in periodical literature. The World's Fair comes in for a good share of discussion, and a half-dozen other valuable papers make up an especially powerful number of America's foremost magazine in its line. n its line.

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